REMARKS

The specification amendments were made to incorporate a cross-reference to the current application and to specify priority information. The claim amendments were made for purposes of clarification and format, and to remove multiple claim dependency.

Claims 1 to 24 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 23 are independent. No new matter has been added. The claim amendments do not limit the original English translated claims.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 12810-00237-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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